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Toshiki MINOWA and Ayao OGAWA both of Nagano-ken, Japan.

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For: CARD-MAKING METHOD AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS HEAT TREATMENT MECHANISM FOR CARDS AND IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS INCORPORATING THE SAME



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